



# Library Advisory Board

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## **Library Board--Minutes**

Monday, March 14, 2016 – 7:00 pm  
Conference Room  
Smith Public Library  
300 Country Club Rd., Bldg. 300  
Wylie, Texas 75098

### **CALL TO ORDER**

*Announce the presence of a Quorum.*

Members present: Mindy Ayers, Todd Abronowitz, Shirley Burnett, Kenneth Cash, Karen Adams, Janice Borland & Rachel Orozco, Board Liaison

Members absent: Gerri Washington

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

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*Residents may address Board regarding an item that is not listed on the Agenda. Residents must provide their name and address. Board requests that comments be limited to three (3) minutes. In addition, the Board is not allowed to converse, deliberate or take action on any matter presented during citizen participation.*

### **PRESENTATION**

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Cheryl Williams, County Commissioner, Precinct 2 for Collin County, Texas discussed future County funding for libraries.

Commissioner Williams discussed the philosophy of the County Commissioners and their intent to fund core costs and also to decrease costs as much as possible. Areas that are included in the core costs are courts, jails, county roads, mental health, transportation and public safety. Commissioner Williams stated Collin County has one of the lowest tax rates in the State of Texas at .22 per \$100 ad valorem tax.

Library funding is not considered a core function and money shouldn't be expected to be received from the county. Frisco and Plano have opted out of receiving county funding and have chosen to charge their patrons for library usage. According to Commissioner Williams County funding wasn't ever meant to be utilized for programs and was meant only to cover the cost of patrons who use the facilities and live in the unincorporated areas not in the City.

Commissioner Williams asked if data could be produced as to how many patrons that use the facility live in the County. The Commissioners believe those who live in unincorporated areas should pay their own fees to utilize the library, services and its programs. This data must be received by the County before they discuss budget at the end of July. However, Commissioner Williams does urge the Smith Public Library not to rely on any county funding this next fiscal year.

Commissioner Williams would be open to recommending to the other Commissioners that partial or step down funding be given to libraries this fiscal year with the thought that no funding would be given the next fiscal year.

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## ACTION ITEMS

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The Library Board Minutes of Monday, February 8, 2016 were approved as presented.

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## DISCUSSION ITEMS

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## STAFF REPORTS

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### Upcoming Special Events:

#### My Very Own Book Club: March 16 & 18 from 3:30-4:30pm

My Very Own Book Club is for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2nd graders. Kids are encouraged to read the book on their own time and then come to the meeting for discussion and a craft. Sign up at the Children's desk. Participation is limited, but all participants get a free copy of the book.

- March: Skippyjon Jones by Judith Byron Schachner

#### Friends of the Library Meeting: March 17 @ 6:00pm

The Friends of the Smith Public Library hold their monthly meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 6:00 PM in the Conference Room.

#### Tosho-Kon@SPL: March 19 from 10:00am-4:30pm

Our annual anime celebration fills an afternoon with loads of fun, including cosplay and animated music video contests, manga swap, and more! Lunch provided. Keep up with our website and Facebook event page for news and more information.

#### 3rd Grade Voyagers Club: March 22 from 3:30-4:30pm

A learning club just for 3rd graders! Register at the Children's Desk to receive your passport. Space is limited.

- March: Calling all Musers, let's follow the Iditarod!

#### Sensory Storytime: March 26 from 10:00-11:00am

Let us be a part of your puzzle. For elementary school aged kids (Kindergarten through 4th grade) with sensory integration challenges. If your family is interested in participating, please email [Anna.Simkulet@wylietexas.gov](mailto:Anna.Simkulet@wylietexas.gov) at least 48 hours before the program. Space is limited to ensure a positive experience for all.

- March: In the Garden

#### BeTween Book & Movie Club: March 31 from 6:00-7:00pm

Never judge a book by its movie. 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to discuss different books that have movie adaptations. Sign up at the Children's desk. The first 50 kids to sign up get a free copy of the book.

- March: Mary Poppins by P.L. Travers

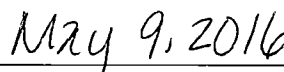
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## ADJOURNMENT

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Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

  
Mindy Ayers, Chair

  
Date